Message from the Principal

By now, most of you have received the message that my last day as principal of Ella J. Baker Montessori will be Friday, June 17th. I have been re-assigned within the district.

It has been my pleasure serving as the proud principal of Baker Montessori for the past 4 years. I have experienced a wonderful partnership with the students, staff and families in our community.

I am very proud of the work that I have done as a novice principal during one of the most difficult times for educators:

• Ella J. Baker met overall goals for the 2021-2022 school year as indicated in the Board approved School Improvement Plan (SIP) for student achievement in Reading and Math according to preliminary STAAR data:

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• According to preliminary 2021-2022 STAAR data, working alongside teachers, I was able to implement practices to move Ella J. Baker Montessori (formerly Wilson) from a “priority school” to “met standard” (once growth targets are calculated):

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• Successfully led the name change process, allowing the name Woodrow Wilson to be removed from the school while collaboratively working with the community to select a name that better reflects who we are as a community.

• Successfully led the school through two school years of the COVID-19 pandemic seeking innovative ways to ensure social and emotional well-being of students and staff while keeping the school community engaged.

• Consistently maintained a teacher retention rate at or above 92% over the last 3 years.

• Established a culture of collaboration with all stakeholders while honoring Montessori pedagogy.

I have thoroughly enjoyed watching our children learn and grow! Please know that I am extremely proud of the work we have accomplished…. TOGETHER because together we CAN lift the sky!
The Houston Independent School District has begun the process of searching for a new principal for Baker Montessori School. Your feedback during this process is very important. You are invited to attend an in-person community meeting on, **Tuesday, June 7 at 5:30 p.m.** in the 2nd floor library.

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**Summer Reading Programs with HISD Literacy Partners**

Houston ISD Library Services, in partnership with Houston Public Library and myON, is encouraging all students to participate in a summer reading program to prevent summer learning loss. The district’s literacy partners are offering the following summer reading opportunities:

**“Oceans of Possibilities” - Houston Public Library**
Read for 20 minutes and enter for a chance at prize drawings. Registration begins June 1. Challenge dates: June 1 - August 15

**Registration:** Students or their parents sign up for a free account at [https://houstonlibrary.beanstack.org/reader365](https://houstonlibrary.beanstack.org/reader365)
Website: [www.houstonlibrary.org/fun](http://www.houstonlibrary.org/fun)

Each twenty-minute reading increment earns one entry into drawings for free books, STEM kits, and swag. Students can read hardbacks, paperbacks, and eBooks. HPL’s summer reading events program also includes camps, STEM classes, traveling petting zoo, crafting, the Jolly Trolley, and much more. Check out the [HPL Event Calendar](https://houstonlibrary.beanstack.org/reader365) for more information.

**myON Summer Reading Challenge – myON Digital Library**
- Read 1,000+ minutes in myON
- Challenge dates: June 15 - August 15
- No registration required

The top reader for divisions PK-1, Grade 2-3 and Grade 4-5 will receive a Kindle Fire 7 tablet. Challenge students to read 1,000 minutes or more using myON, the district’s personalized digital library platform with more than 7,000 enhanced digital books available. Each student who reaches 1,000 minutes or more between June 15 and August 15 will receive a Super Star Reader medal. myON Resources:
  - myON Summer Reading Flyer
  - myON Family Login
  - myON Familia Iniciar

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**Dates to Remember**

**June 7:** Last Day of School For Students
**June 7:** Report Card Day
**June 7:** 8th Grade Walk of Fame @3:15 p.m.
**June 13th-July 7th:** Summer School
**July 11-14, 18-21 and 25-28:** Baker Makers Summer Camp (by pre-registration only)

**Thursday, August 18, 2022 @ 4:00-5:30pm**
Meet the Teacher/PTO Ice Cream Social

**Saturday, August 20 @9:00 a.m.**
New Student Orientation

**August 22, 2022**
First Day of School

**August 22, 2022 @8:30am**
PTO Boo Hoo/Woo Hoo Breakfast in Cafeteria
The Next Generation of Box Tops is Here!

Box Tops is changing to fit today's families! The new and improved Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to your school’s earnings online. No more clipping or sending Box Tops to school!

Target REDcard: Did you know that Baker Montessori gets a check every year from Target? Parents and community members who link their REDcard account to Baker, School ID # 98808, allow Target to donate 1% of each linked card sale directly to Baker!

If you have a REDcard, please link to Baker Montessori School!

Stay Connected with Baker PTO………..

Sign up for an account at Baker PTO website bakerpto.org or bakerpto.ptboard.com (School Code: JMJ6NV)
Follow Baker PTO on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/bakermontessoripto
Follow Baker PTO on Instagram at https://www.instagram.com/bakermontessoripto
Follow Baker PTO on Twitter at https://twitter.com/bakermontpto

Message from the Nurse’s Station

Dear Parents,

I give you back your child, the same child you confidently entrusted to my care last fall. I give him/her back inches taller, months wiser, more responsible, and more mature than he/she was back then, although this growth would have been attained in spite of me. It has been my pleasure and privilege to watch your child’s personality unfold day by day. I have been thrilled at each new achievement, each new success, every achievement of self. I give them back reluctantly, for having spent ten months together Monday – Friday, I have bandaged their cuts, applied ice packs on bumps and lumps, dispensed medications, given insulin injections, nebulizer treatments, attended IEP and 504 meetings, laughed and cried with them, they have made me a better nurse. Thank you! Here are some end of year reminders:

• Medications should be picked up by parents during the last week of school.

• Any medications not picked up by the last day of the school, will be discarded.

• Should your child require medication at school during the school year, the district does require a new prescription form from your child’s physician. Please provide this at the beginning of each school year.

Should you have any questions, please contact our school nurse, Ana Valerio.

Remember, when you’re ordering from Amazon.com, start from the special link at www.wilsonpto.org/fundraising, and the Baker PTO will receive a donation equal to 4% to 6% of your total.